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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003, no copies of such documents are enclosed. Copies of the other listed documents, however, are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the specification where cited and/or in the English language abstracts attached thereto. Also, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 2000-336499; JP 11-195640; JP 5-21338; JP 7-302889; JP 10-275798; JP 2000-277478; and JP 6-216110 may be found, respectively, in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,417,069 B1; 6,258,240 B1; 5,371,037;

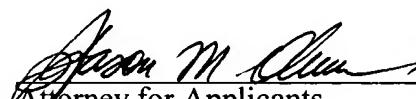
6,246,068 B1; 5,951,833; 6,547,938 B1; and 5,458,755, which are in the same patent family.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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